

FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bulletin for Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 4, 2024

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

ZOOM:

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Meeting ID: 5166943424 Password 11735 *The YouTube option is no longer available.

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 4, 2024



Rev. Claire Hojung Wu, Pastor David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music Danny Gastelua, Liturgist

GATHERING

"Someone's Praying, Lord" - D. F. Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE "Lift High the Cross" + Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship God, who is from everlasting to everlasting! The God of creation does not faint or grow weary.

How good it is to sing praises to our God!

How expansive is God's understanding of us!

The whole universe is subject to God's power. Creation continues as the universe expands.

God rules all time and space, yet cares about us.

God is pleased with all who reflect steadfast love.

Sing to God with great thanksgiving.

Praise God with the best you have to offer.

We lift up our eyes to see God's wonders. We open our ears to receive God's message.

*OPENING HYMN "We Gather Together"

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

Powerful God, before whom we are as nothing, we dare to approach you because you assure us that we are not like mere grasshoppers to you. Our individual potential is not hidden from you, and the faithfulness of your church is important to you. We have gathered with great expectation, seeking to have our strength renewed and our hope restored. Make yourself known among us as we unite in your praise. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Who are we to claim equality with you, Ruler of all worlds? Yet we try to order you around when it is we who should be taking orders. At times, we act as if we can get along without you. In our church, we

UMH #131 (vv. 1, 3)

UMH #159 (vv. 1, 4)

often pretend that we don't need other congregations. We hoard the gospel as if it were our possession, and thus we do not follow its mandates. We bend your law to our own whims and then excuse our disobedience. Forgive us, God. We are not worthy to carry the name of Christ. Restore us to yourself, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God calls each of us by name. Every community of faith is known to God, whose understanding is limited. The One who knows our hearts is eager to forgive the truly penitent and to empower those who have grown weary. Your strength is being renewed in these moments. You will mount up with wings like eagles. You will run and not be weary. You will walk and not faint. Praise God!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON) SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING (UNISON)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

ANTHEM	"We Will Understand It Better By and By" - Soloist, Diane Puchta, alto; The Chancel C	
OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 66:1-6		
*GOSPEL READIN	NG John 1:35-46	
HYMN OF PREPARATION "I Sing Praises to Your Name"		FWS #2037 (vv. 1, 2)
SERMON		Pastor Claire Wu
CHORAL PRAYER	R RESPONSE "Amen, Amen" The Chancel Choir	UMH #897
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD OFFERTORY SONG "In the Singing" FWS #2255 *DOXOLOGY UMH #95 *PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON) Thank you, God, for showing us a better way to live than we are able to devise for ourselves. Thank you for reaching out to win our hearts. Thank you for Jesus Christ, for the ministry that extended your love to the least and the lost, for the powerful presence that offered wholeness to those who were sick or brokenhearted, for the prayers that demonstrated how we, too, can be in communion with you. In gratitude, we dedicate this offering. Amen.		
*HYMN	"My Life is in You, Lord"	FWS #2032
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	"My Life is in You, Lord"	FWS #2032 (first part)
Our worship has ended. Our service begins.		

(*) Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

 $\frac{\text{February 2024}}{11^{\text{th}} - \text{Betty Gastelua}}$ $18^{\text{th}} - \text{Lois Muller}$ $25^{\text{th}} - \text{Sharon Lensky}$

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

<u>February 2024</u> 11th – Smith/Muller 18th – Jayme & Diane 25th - Rita & John

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME, VISITORS!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today! If this is your first time with us, be sure to stop by the Visitor Center, in the room to the side of the Sanctuary, for a welcome packet and a gift! If you wish to receive our newsletter, please send us your contact information to <u>office@farmingdaleumc.org</u> and visit our website farmingdaleumc.org.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, February 6th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, February 12th at 7:30 p.m. Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting – Monday, February 26th at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **BISHOP BICKERTON TO VISIT LIE DISTRICT Thursday, February 8th** Bishop Bickerton will meet with clergy and laity at 6:30 p.m., at the Bible Korean UMC in Dix Hills.
- VALENTINE PASTA MINGLE Saturday, February 10th at 5 p.m. Tickets can be purchased during coffee hour. \$10 for adult; \$5 for children 4-10; under 4 free. Children will enjoy pasta and fun activities separate from their parents.
- SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Sunday, February 11th Fellowship Hall.
- LIE D2D Conference Saturday, February 10th at Hicksville UMC. 9 a.m. 12:15 p.m. Free workshop for church leaders. See the flyer for more details.
- LIE Youth Retreat at Camp Quinipet April 5th-7th Grades 6-12. See the flyer for more details

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRIES

- FRIDAY LADIES SMALL GROUP MEETS AT 7:30 PM VIA ZOOM
- SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY MEETS AT 8:00 AM-9:00AM VIA ZOOM
- WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY MEETS AT 10:30 AM VIA ZOOM

CONCERNS & COMMITMENTS:

Whenever the gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed, the Spirit of God is at work. If you have been touched by God and desire to make a commitment to Christ and to His Church or you would like to have the pastor pray with/for you, please *come to the Altar after worship*, the pastor will meet with you for prayer.

WRITE PRAYER CONCERN AND JOY

If you want to submit your prayer requests, we suggest you to write your prayer request upon your arrival at the sanctuary, and then pass it to the prayer basket during the prayer time. Thank you!



Pastor Claire will distribute ashes to anyone in the community regardless of faith or denomination in front of the church on Wednesday, February 14th from 11:30AM to 12:30PM. All are welcome.

Our Ash Wednesday service will be at 7:00 PM, all are welcome there, too!



2024 LENTEN STUDY

Our 2024 Lenten Study will take place on the six Sundays in Lent, **February 18th through March 24th**, with a potluck supper at 5:00PM and the program at 6:00PM. This year we will be studying the book, Revival, a six-week journey through England as we study together following the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. As we study, Pastor Claire will share the experience of the trip to John Wesley's England.

There is a sign-up at the Visitors' Desk in the transept for the supper and program OR just the program. Any questions, please contact Karen Gierie Newman, newman1309@aol.com.

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